

Bitterroot National Forest

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WILDFIRE UPDATE

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Rombo Fire Growth Steadied Today

Hamilton, MT; August 2, 2007 9:00PM. --- The Rombo fire continued is estimated at 430 acres and continues to grow slowly to the east through the dead and downed timber. Current staffing include 34 people plus air support and dozers, engines and water tenders.

Larry Svalberg's Type II Incident Command Team arrived this evening and will take over the fire on Saturday morning.

A public meeting is scheduled for 6:30 on Friday, August 3rd at the Little Boulder Bay Boat Launch on Painted Rocks Reservoir, to introduce Incident Commander Svalberg and to provide an update about the fire and the Forest's suppression plans.

The Rombo Fire is located near Rombo Mountain, approximately 4 miles north-northeast of Painted Rocks Reservoir and 5 miles south-southeast of the West Fork Ranger Station. No private property or structures are threatened at this time.

Closures in affect include area and road closures on the ground around the fire, and temporary flight restrictions in the air space above the fire.

Other Fire News from the Bitterroot:

- One new unconfirmed start was reported on Thursday in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. Those portions of the Bitterroot National Forest outside designated wilderness are under Stage II Restrictions; lands within the Selway-Bitterroot and Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness areas are under Stage I Restrictions. We will be implementing Stage II Fire Restrictions in the Magruder Corridor beginning Friday, August 3rd at 0001. For specific fire restriction information, call the Bitterroot National Forest offices at 406-363-7100 or visit <http://www.mt.blm.gov/fire/restrictions/index.html> .

Current information regarding these fires and any new starts can be found at the Bitterroot National Forest's Dispatcher's website, <http://63.196.254.151/WildWeb/WCMT-BRC.htm> .

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